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April 14, 2006

To: Mayor Michael D. Antonovich  
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**SACRAMENTO UPDATE**

**Pursuit of County Position on Legislation**

**AB 1361 (Dymally)**, as amended on June 28, 2005, would extend the time limit for enterprise zones to 25 years. Currently, enterprise zones established prior to 1990 have 20-year limits, and zones established after 1990 have 15-year limits.

The Enterprise Zone Act provides for the designation of enterprise zones in the State by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Qualifying businesses may receive certain tax, regulatory, and program incentives for economic development activities such as accelerated depreciation, 100 percent net operating loss carryover, wage credits, and credits for sales tax on equipment purchased for use in the zone.

A designation by the HCD is binding for a period of 15 years from the date of the original designation, except that enterprise zones designated prior to 1990 may total 20 years if they receive a "superior" or "passing" audit from HCD, and if an updated economic development plan justifies the additional five-year designation period, is submitted to HCD. Existing law limits the number of zones to 42, although at present only 39 have been designated.

The Community Development Commission (CDC) indicates that AB 1361 would enable the unincorporated Los Angeles County portions of the Mid-Alameda Corridor

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Enterprise Zone to continue beyond its October 2006 expiration date and the Altadena portion of the Altadena/Pasadena Enterprise Zone to continue beyond its April 2007 expiration date. The CDC indicates that the Enterprise Zone program has supported hundreds of unincorporated County businesses and led to the hiring of thousands of new employees. They generated an estimated tax savings of approximately \$19 million during Fiscal Year 2004-05 to Zone businesses. **The CDC recommends support for AB 1361, and we concur.**

Support for AB 1361 is consistent with existing policy to "support legislation that will preserve, expand and extend designations for the State Enterprise Zone program for urban areas and will protect the County's fiscal base and revenues". **Therefore, our Sacramento advocates will support AB 1361.** This measure is currently in the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee awaiting a hearing date. It is supported by the cities of Los Angeles and Huntington Park and there is no known opposition.

#### Legislation of Interest to the County

**AB 2015 (Lieu)**, which would reconfigure the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Governing Board by adding four additional city representatives to the existing Board, and adjust the city selection process in Los Angeles County, is set for hearing in the Assembly Local Government Committee next Wednesday, April 19, 2006. AB 2015 would increase the total Board membership from 12 to 16. The bill was originally scheduled to be heard in the Local Government Committee on April 5, 2006, but the hearing was rescheduled.

AB 2015 is sponsored by the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCOG) and is supported by 12 of the cities within the SBCOG, as well as the California Contract Cities Association, the Independent Cities Association, League of California Cities (LA County Division), Gateway Cities Council of Governments, Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments, Westside Cities Council of Governments, and the Cities of Los Angeles, La Canada Flintridge, Lakewood, Malibu, Ontario, Santa Monica, Signal Hill, and Culver City. AB 2015 is opposed by the SCAQMD.

#### California State Association of Counties (CSAC)

Attachment I is a summary of the CSAC Legislative Conference that occurred March 29 and 30, 2006.

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**Master Bill List**

Attachment II is roster containing the status of all bills of County interest.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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**Attachments**

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Coalition of County Unions  
California Contract Cities Association  
Independent Cities Association  
League of California Cities  
City Managers Associations

## **CSAC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE**

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) had its annual legislative conference in Sacramento on March 29 and 30, 2006. During the conference, there were meetings of the various policy committees to discuss key legislative issues. The following is a summary of the highlights of the sessions.

### **Administration of Justice**

**Juvenile Justice/Court Facilities.** CSAC staff reported that there has not been much progress in either the reform of State-local juvenile justice programs or the transfer of local courthouse facilities to the State. A proposal for funding of the costs of transfer of court facilities was included in the Governor's Infrastructure Bond Plan, but this was not approved by the Legislature. As this time, it is not clear whether an attempt to place this proposal on the November 2006 ballot will be successful.

**Booking Fees.** The Sheriff's Association representative presented the provisions of an agreement between the police chiefs and the sheriffs on booking fees. The terms include: elimination of the booking fee; appropriation of \$40 million by the State to be divided into two allocations to reimburse counties based upon the number of bookings that occur in their jurisdiction to ensure that counties are held harmless; allocation of State monies to a newly created Local Detention Facility Fund under the control of the sheriffs to improve the condition of local detention facilities; and establishment of a Jail Access Fee to be charged when the number of bookings for code violations and misdemeanors exceeds a three-year average. Should the State reduce its appropriation, counties would be able to reinstate a booking fee program to recover the shortfall. The rate for the fee can be adjusted by the change in the Consumer Price Index plus one percent. The Committee agreed to seek further information including seeking bill form.

**Crime Stoppers.** AB23 (Parra) would provide a \$5 penalty enhancement increase to fund State and local crime stopper programs. The Committee decided to continue to watch this legislation. The County has not taken a position on this bill.

### **Health and Human Services**

**Proposition 63.** The Committee discussed a proposal to use up to \$75 million of Proposition 63 revenues for a 20-year period to develop housing for clients with mental illness. According to Terri Parker, Director of the California Housing Finance Authority, similar projects have matched State funds at a 2 to 1 level which would effectively triple the funds available for housing. The funds would be allocated between urban and rural regions to ensure that a disproportionate amount would not be directed to the highly populated areas. Counties would probably be required to develop a three-year plan to support the request for funds. The plan would be to build 10,000 units of housing at an estimated per-unit cost between \$250,000 and \$450,000. Details regarding the allocation of funds to the counties or other local agencies have not been determined.

**Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.** The Committee also discussed the impact of the Federal Deficit Reduction Act on the TANF Program. Of particular concern are the new higher work requirements for one and two adult households. Federal regulations are

anticipated by the end of June 2006, which leaves little time for the Legislature to have an adequate discussion of the implications to the State and local governments, develop the necessary legislative and regulatory changes for implementation, and fashion a budget solution.

**County Administration/Cost of Doing Business.** The Governor's Budget did not fully fund the cost of county operations for a number of health and human services programs that include: CalWORKs; Food Stamps; Medi-Cal Eligibility; Adoptions; Child Welfare Services; Foster Care Eligibility; Adult Protective Services; and In-Home Supportive Services. A concern was also raised about the lack of adequate funding for these costs; however no action was taken on this item.

### **Government Finance & Operations**

**Video Franchising.** A panel of representatives from the Senate and Assembly Committees with jurisdiction over communications, cable and telephone industries, and a Sacramento-area cable franchise authority discussed the benefits and disadvantages of restructuring video franchising services in California. AB 2987 (Nuñez/Levine) and SB 850 (Escutia) are potential vehicles for a Statewide video franchising model; however, specific language has not yet been introduced. Although it appears there is an agreement that video service providers should pay franchise fees, support public education and government channels, and obtain appropriate permits from local governments to use the rights-of-way, the issue of "build-out" in particularly remote areas remains unresolved. CSAC staff will closely monitor this issue and will work with stakeholders on the proposed measures and will report back to counties as details become available.

On April 6, the Speaker held a press conference regarding AB 2987 and the language was released shortly thereafter. Concurrent with the Speaker's press conference, CSAC issued a news release expressing concern regarding the possible negative impact on local government franchisers should the bill become law. The County has not taken a position on this bill.

**Redevelopment Reform.** CSAC staff reported that of the four ballot measure in circulation seeking to restrict use of eminent domain by public agencies, the "Anderson Initiative" has raised significant concerns because it would not only apply to eminent domain proceedings, but also to regulatory takings. CSAC is urging counties to review the proposed initiative and relay concerns, because this proposal has a very good chance of qualifying for either the November 2006 or the June 2008 ballot.

**State-Local Mandate Process Reform.** Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) staff provided an overview of their proposal to restructure the existing process, which has been described as cumbersome and subject to numerous delays. The LAO's objective is to make the process faster and easier. The Commission on State Mandates is interested in pursuing changes in the State mandate claim and reimbursement process and is actively engaged in the collaborative effort to identify improvements. Subsequently, the Center for Collaborative Policy at the California State University, Sacramento has issued a report titled "Reforming The Mandate Reimbursement Process." Representative organizations from the counties and cities are reviewing this report and future stakeholder meetings are anticipated as the

Commission on State Mandates moves toward developing recommendations for improving the process.

**Pension Reform.** CSAC staff reported that pension reform continues to be a topic of discussion in Sacramento. The Governor, President Pro Tem of the Senate and Speaker of the Assembly have been in discussions regarding formation of a pension reform commission to review this issue and provide recommendations to the Legislature. While the Administration and the Legislature appear to agree on the benefits of such a commission, there is a difference of opinion on whether the recommendations of the commission would have the force of law in the absence of any further deliberations by the Legislature.

ACA 23 (Richman), which would place limits on public agency pension, has not been scheduled for a hearing. With an apparent lack of enthusiasm by the Legislature to pursue this issue, it is unlikely that the bill will be passed this session so it can be placed before the voters on the November 2006 ballot.

#### **CAOAC Redevelopment Ad Hoc Committee**

Santa Clara County Executive Officer Pete Kutras convened a meeting of CAOs to continue the discussion of redevelopment reform. CSAC staff summarized a number of redevelopment and eminent domain bills that are moving through the Legislature including Senator Kehoe's redevelopment reform bill, County-opposed unless amended SB 1206. CSAC's list of active redevelopment and eminent domain bills was handed out (Attachment I.A), as was CSAC's draft redevelopment reform principles (Attachment I.B).

There was a round-table discussion summarizing recent redevelopment abuses in each of the represented counties, however, all of those counties were also supporters of redevelopment and could cite good examples of redevelopment as well. Opposition was only primarily focused on redevelopment abuses.

Some of the represented counties had active county redevelopment agencies separate from city agencies. One county is a partner in a joint county-city redevelopment agency. As consequence of these differences, the group decided that additional work was necessary before a mutually agreeable set of reform principles could be adopted.

The Ad Hoc Committee resolved to have a sub-group develop a set of reform principles that would be agreeable to all counties, and to submit short descriptions of redevelopment abuses that could be compiled into a catalogue for use as an advocacy tool.

**Pending Redevelopment-Related Legislation**

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Subject (summary)</b>	<b>CSAC Position</b>
AB 773	Mullin	Extends the time for citizens in all cities and counties affected by a redevelopment ordinance to collect signatures for a referendum to 90 days.	Support
AB 782	Mullin	<b>Status:</b> <i>Referred to Senate Local Government Committee.</i> Removes the exception to the rule that a blight finding must be made in an area that is predominantly urbanized in the instance where lots are "irregular in form and shape" and "inadequate size for proper usefulness."	Support
AB 1162	Mullin	<b>Status:</b> <i>Referred to Senate Local Government Committee.</i> Prohibits a redevelopment agency, commission, or JPA from exercising eminent domain to acquire owner-occupied residential property for transfer to a private party or private entity until January 1, 2008. Requires California Research Bureau and California Law Revision Commission to study the exercise of the power of eminent domain.	Support
AB 1893	Salinas	<b>Status:</b> <i>Senate Rules Committee.</i> Prohibits a redevelopment agency from acquiring land designated for a city hall or a county administration building.	Support
AB 1990	Walters	<b>Status:</b> <i>Scheduled for hearing 4.05.06 in Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.</i> Would prohibit a city, county, school district, special district, or community redevelopment agency from exercising the power of eminent domain to acquire any real property if the property is going to be transferred to a private party or private entity.	Pending
AB 2157	Chu	<b>Status:</b> <i>Awaiting committee assignment.</i> Would allow the City of El Monte/El Monte Community Redevelopment Agency to amend their redevelopment plan to include a transit-oriented redevelopment project and eliminate the time limit on the establishment of loans, advances, and indebtedness that can be outstanding, increase the amount of indebtedness that may be outstanding, or increase the amount of tax increment revenues that may be allocated to the redevelopment agency. Would further modify the pass-through payments made by the El Monte RDA.	Oppose
		<b>Status:</b> <i>Scheduled for hearing 4.26.06 in Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.</i>	

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Subject (summary)</b>	<b>CSAC Position</b>
AB 2197	DeVore	Would require a county board of supervisors to review and approve a redevelopment plan that would utilize tax increment financing. This includes the establishment of a redevelopment plan, a redevelopment plan amendment that would result in additional tax increment financing, or the merger of redevelopment project areas.	Pending
		<i>Status: Scheduled for hearing 4.05.06 in Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.</i>	
AB 2286	Torrico	Would authorize a city or county to designate an infrastructure financing district in a housing opportunity zone to be financed by tax increment financing.	Pending
		<i>Status: Referred to Assembly Local Government Committee.</i>	
AB 2346	Oropeza	Establishes the Harbor District Development Authority as the redevelopment agency for the Los Angeles Harbor District.	Pending
		<i>Status: Referred to Assembly Local Government Committee.</i>	
AB 2610	Keene	Would authorize a redevelopment agency to adopt a biennial budget. Would also extend immunity to a person who acquires property from a redevelopment agency if the agency conducts cleanup and removal of hazardous substances on (or under) the project area and is also immune under existing law.	Pending
		<i>Status: Awaiting committee assignment.</i>	
AB 2682	Daucher	Would require that, upon the deactivation of a redevelopment agency, property tax increment revenues that would otherwise be transferred to schools be directed to the county.	Pending
		<i>Status: Awaiting committee assignment.</i>	
AB 2922	Jones	Increases the amount of set aside for low and moderate income housing to 50%. Makes required covenants and restrictions enforceable by any interested party, including citizens eligible to reside in the property. Requires that displaced persons of low or moderate income by given first right of refusal to occupy replacement housing and would require the establishment of rules for determining the order of persons to be given priority. If the displaced persons' income is not known, the level of income is presumed to be extremely low. Would change the requirements for adoption of a replacement housing plan from 30 to 180 days before the execution of an agreement for acquisition of property. The draft must be available to the public 90 days before adoption. These requirements are applicable when an agency destroys or removes housing the agency owns and is an immediate danger to health and safety. Requires the redevelopment agency to assist in making available a number of housing units that are affordable to extremely low and very low income persons that is at least the same number of units available to low and moderate income persons.	Pending
		<i>Status: Awaiting committee assignment.</i>	

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Subject (summary)</b>	<b>CSAC Position</b>
ACA 15	Mullin/Nation	Amends the state Constitution to prohibit the use of eminent domain by a redevelopment agency without a written finding of physical and economic blight.  <i>Status: Referred to Assembly Governmental Organization Committee.</i>	Pending
ACA 22	LaMalfa	Amends the state Constitution to prohibit the use of eminent domain for purposes of economic development or increasing tax revenues. Would further redefine the term "just compensation" to include the cost of acquiring comparable property in addition to losses incurred as a result of the condemnation.  <i>Status: Referred to Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.</i>	Oppose
SB 53	Kehoe	Would require a redevelopment plan to include an agency's plan to acquire property by eminent domain, including any prohibitions on the use of eminent domain and a time limit for the commencement of eminent domain proceedings.  <i>Status: Referred to Assembly Local Government Committee.</i>	Support
SB 1206	Kehoe	Makes numerous changes to the statutory "blight" definition, including requirements for officials to measure economic "blight," requires documentation of "blight" before approving more bonds, and requires documentation of "blight" before merging projects. Extends the time for citizens in all cities and counties affected by a redevelopment ordinance to collect signatures for a referendum to 90 days. Extends the deadline for filing lawsuits from 60 days to 90 days. Names the Attorney General as an interested party who can file lawsuits; requires redevelopment agencies to tell the Attorney General about lawsuits; expands the type of lawsuits for which state agencies are interested parties; lets the Attorney General and other state agencies intervene in lawsuits; and exempts the Attorney General from the exhaustion-of-remedies rule. Bans redevelopment agencies from buying land for city halls. Repeals the inference that mergers should extend redevelopment projects.  <i>Status: Scheduled for hearing 4.04.06 in Senate Judiciary Committee.</i>	Support in concept

Bill No.	Author	Subject (summary)	CSAC Position
SB 1210	Toriakson	<p>Would prohibit the use of eminent domain in taking property in order to transfer it to a nongovernmental entity for economic development purposes.</p> <p>Changes many of the provisions regarding eminent domain court proceedings, including deletion of the requirement that the court must find that there is a reasonable probability the property owner will prevail in order to stay the order for possession; award the defendant costs, their litigation expenses, and three times the amount of damages caused by the proceeding when the proceeding is dismissed or if there is a final judgment that the plaintiff cannot acquire the property; and award the property owner his litigation expenses and twice the difference between the final offer submitted by the public entity and the amount of compensation determined by the court if the court determines that the market value of the property is greater than the final offer submitted by the public entity.</p> <p>Requires that a public entity that utilizes eminent domain must offer to pay the reasonable costs of an independent appraisal ordered by the owner of the property.</p> <p>Prohibits a member of a city council, county board of supervisors, or redevelopment agency from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Voting on any matter affecting an organization that has an interest in property taken through eminent domain proceedings by that public entity;</li> <li>▪ Accepting a campaign contribution from any person that has received property acquired by the public entity through eminent domain proceedings within the previous three years;</li> <li>▪ Voting on any matter affecting an eminent domain proceeding in which a person who has contributed a campaign contribution to the public official within the previous three years and has an interest in the outcome of the eminent domain proceeding.</li> </ul> <p>Requires a redevelopment agency to adopt a new resolution of necessity that finds that substantial evidence of blight still exists and eminent domain actions will directly and substantially assist in eradicating the remaining blight if it wishes to extend the time in which it may commence eminent domain proceedings.</p>	Pending

Status: *Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.*

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Subject (summary)</b>	<b>CSAC Position</b>
SB 1401	Cox	Redevelopment spot bill.  <i>Status: Senate Rules Committee.</i>	Pending
SB 1650	Kehoe	Requires the governing body of a public entity to adopt a new resolution of necessity and send notices before the public entity may use the property, in whole or in part, for a public use for which the public entity originally acquired the property.  <i>Status: Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.</i>	Support
SB 1809	Machado	Would require a disclosure statement during the transfer of ownership of a property that identifies whether a property is in a redevelopment agency and whether the property may be subject to eminent domain proceedings. A redevelopment agency must provide this information to the seller within three business days following the receipt of the request.  <i>Status: Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.</i>	Support
SCA 15	McClintock	Amends the state Constitution to provide that private property may only be taken or damaged for a stated public use. Requires that the property be owned and occupied by the condemner and used for a stated purpose. If the property ceases to be used for the stated public purpose, the former owner would have the right to reacquire the property at fair market value before the property may be otherwise sold. Further, the assessor must appraise that property at its value upon condemnation.  <i>Status: Senate Rules Committee. (Reconsideration granted after failed passage in Senate Judiciary Committee.)</i>	Pending
SCA 20	McClintock	Amends the state Constitution to prohibit the use of eminent domain for purposes of economic development or increasing tax revenues. Would further redefine the term "just compensation" to include the cost of acquiring comparable property in addition to losses incurred as a result of the condemnation.  <i>Status: Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.</i>	Oppose

**Legislative/Budget Update: Redevelopment Reforms**

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March 21, 2006

To: Supervisor Kathy Long, Chair, and Members, CSAC Government Finance and Operations Policy Committee

From: Jean Kinney Hurst, CSAC Legislative Representative

**Re: Redevelopment Reforms**

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As you are aware, the controversial issue of redevelopment reform has garnered the attention of the Legislature this year. CSAC staff have been monitoring legislative measures and participating in legislative hearings on this issue. (A list of redevelopment-related legislation is attached to this memo for your review.)

CSAC's existing platform, however, does not speak to specific reforms. To provide additional guidance to staff, we have been working with the county caucus, the County Counsel's Association, and the CAOAC to develop county principles on this important issue. These draft principles have been developed by staff and will be the topic of discussion at a meeting of the CAOAC Redevelopment Working Group following the Government Finance and Operations Policy Committee meeting at the CSAC Legislative Conference. We encourage counties to provide feedback to CSAC staff on these draft principles and look forward to bringing final principles to the Government Finance and Operations Policy Committee at a future meeting. Please direct your comments to Jean Hurst at [jhurst@counties.org](mailto:jhurst@counties.org) or 916.327.7500 ext. 515.

**Draft Principles**

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Counties believe that redevelopment can be a useful tool in combating economic and physical blight in California communities. However, counties also recognize that reforms to redevelopment law are needed to ensure that a balance exists between revitalizing blighted areas and providing important local programs and services to our citizens.

**Tax Increment Financing**

While the Constitution allows tax increment financing for redevelopment purposes, counties oppose extension of redevelopment time limits that would require additional tax

increment financing without the consent of the other taxing entities. Further, counties oppose the use of tax increment financing for purposes other than redevelopment without the consent of the other taxing entities.

### **Definition of Blight**

Counties support efforts to further tighten the statutory definition of "blight" to ensure appropriate use of tax increment revenues in the most needy communities and to avoid abuse of redevelopment powers. Counties oppose exceptions to the blight definition or broadening of the blight definition for any purpose.

### **Public Accountability**

Counties support measures that offer additional scrutiny of redevelopment decisions, including extension of timelines for referenda, extension of timelines for filing lawsuits, and additional disclosure/communication to property owners.

### **Oversight**

Counties support greater oversight of redevelopment activities and opportunity for county input in oversight activities.

### **Curbing Redevelopment Abuse**

Redevelopment revenues should not be used to subsidize the planning and construction of city halls or county administration buildings or the siting of stadiums or arenas for professional sports teams nor should they be used as an incentive to attract commercial businesses at the expense of neighboring jurisdictions.

### **Eminent Domain**

Counties recognize that eminent domain is a necessary and useful tool for important public projects.

### **Low- and Moderate-Income Housing**

Counties recognize the important role of redevelopment in providing funding for affordable housing.

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**  
**STATUS OF BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE COUNTY**  
**2005-06 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

These are bills we have pursued in Sacramento pursuant to Board actions or as reported in bill policy memoranda.

<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
AB 13	Goldberg	Support (State Update: 4/21/05)	Would establish the California Racial Mascots Act which would prohibit public schools from using the term 'Redskins' as a school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname beginning January 1, 2007. Schools with enrollment boundaries that include a portion of Indian reservations would be exempted provided that the tribe having regulatory jurisdiction over the territory has authorized the use of the team name, mascot or nickname through an appropriate enactment or resolution.	Vetoed
AB 22	Lieber, Liu	Support (Board Action: 6/7/05)	Would define and provide strong deterrents to the crime of human trafficking, which involves the recruitment, transportation, or sale of persons for forced labor.	Chapter 240 of 2005
AB 109	Chan	Support (State Update: 9/8/05)	NOW: Still does the same but was recently amended to strengthen fiscal oversight by the State and maintain local control over First 5 commissions.	Chapter 284 of 2005
		Support if Amended to require stronger fiscal oversight by the State without affecting local control (Board Action: 3/1/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have required county First 5 commissions to: 1) adopt policies regarding conflict of interest and contracting and procurement procedures; 2) adopt a limit on the amount of its operating budget that can be spent on administrative functions; 3) adopt policies and processes establishing the salaries and benefits of employees of the county commission; and 4) send its annual audit and report to the State First 5 Commission. This bill was double-joined to SB 35 (Florez), a related measure.	
AB 126	Dymally	Oppose (State Update: 1/25/05)	Would require counties to make and publish findings based on public hearings that closing, eliminating, reducing indigent health care services, or leasing, selling or transferring management of a county facility will not have a detrimental impact on the health care needs of indigent people in the county.	Died in Assembly
AB 137	Committee on Budget	Support (State Update: 9/9/05)	Would implement the agreement reached between Senator Migden and the City of Long Beach with respect to the use of Tidelands revenues for abandoned oil well clean-up and would allow the City to use the revenues produced in the State Tidelands for future use in clean-up of oil fields.	Chapter 521 of 2005

<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
AB 158	Bermudez	Support (Board Action: 5/24/05)	Would create the Special Railroad Safety Task Force, comprised of specified members, and require the task force to meet monthly from January 2007 to December 2007 to study certain railroad safety issues, including vandalism, transporting hazardous waste, and identifying threats from terrorism, deficiencies in current land use planning and deficiencies for responding to railroad emergencies, and make recommendations for improving railroad safety.	Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications
AB 208	Gordon, Parra	Support (Board Action: 2/15/05)	Would authorize school districts that have elected to become a school district of choice prior to April 1, 2005, to give priority for transfers to the children of military personnel, and establish specific time lines within which such a transfer may be requested by the parent or guardian, and must be resolved by the school district.	Chapter 142 of 2005
AB 262	Berg	Support in Concept (State Update: 4/29/05)	Would prohibit the Judicial Council from requiring that a court facility proposed to be transferred from a county to the State be held to a stricter standard than those standards adopted by the county for county buildings.	Died in Assembly
AB 327	De La Torre	Support (State Update: 7/27/05)	Would establish a new voluntary \$50 fee for the issuance or renewal of a physician and surgeon's license certificate to fund the Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program which provides financial incentives to a physician to practice in a medically underserved community for a minimum of three years.	Chapter 293 of 2005
AB 338	Levine	Support (State Update: 3/30/05)	Would require the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to gradually phase in the use of crumb rubber, which is used to make rubberized-asphalt concrete, on State highway construction and repair projects, to the extent feasible. Only crumb rubber manufactured in the United States that is derived from waste tires taken from vehicles owned and operated in the U.S. may be used for compliance.	Chapter 709 of 2005
AB 378	Chu	Support (State Update: 7/7/05)	Would extend the statute of limitation from one year to three years for the commencement of any action seeking penalties for an alleged violation of California's hate crimes statute, thereby aligning the administrative and civil statute of limitations for victims of hate crimes seeking civil remedies.	Chapter 123 of 2005

<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
AB 379	Koretz	No Position	NOW: Was amended to prohibit health plans and life and disability insurers from basing coverage decisions solely on the fact that an applicant is a transgender individual.	Senate Health
	Evans	Support (State Update: 6/21/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have allowed satisfactory progress in a secondary school to count toward the 20 hours of core welfare-to-work activities required by CalWORKs participants to the extent the hours spent in secondary education cannot be accomplished within the remaining hours of required activities. It would have also allowed participation in vocational education, or other activities that would not preclude recipients from being able to count the following activities toward their 20-hour core requirement: 1) mental health, substance abuse, or domestic violence services; 2) adult education; 3) job skills training; 4) education directly related to employment; and 5) satisfactory progress in a secondary school.	Chapter 692 of 2005
AB 547	Berg, Richman	Support (State Update: 4/4/05)	Would repeal the requirement that a city or county authorize its needle exchange program through a declaration of a local emergency, and authorize clean needle exchange programs upon the action of a county board of supervisors and the local health officer or health commission, or upon the action of a city council, the mayor and the local health officer. This bill would require all local jurisdictions with a needle exchange program to have an annual public hearing that provides the public, local government, law enforcement and local public health officials the opportunity to evaluate and comment on the program.	Died in Assembly
AB 573	Walk	Oppose (State Update: 4/7/06)	Would limit the scope of indemnity provisions that local agencies can require of design professionals in agreements or contracts.	Senate Judiciary
AB 613	Mountjoy	Support (State Update: 3/23/05)	Would establish a higher burden of proof for the determination of "job relatedness" in workers' compensation cases. Under current law, an injury is deemed compensable (job related) if the job contributes in any manner or degree as the cause of the injury. AB 613 would provide that for an injury to be deemed compensable there must be a preponderance of evidence that employment activities were the predominant causes of the injury.	Died in Assembly
AB 624	Montanez	Support (State Update: 8/25/05)	Would require the California Department of Health Services to modify the electronic Child Health and Disability Program (CHDP) gateway application process to allow simultaneous application for CHDP, Medi-Cal and the Healthy Families Program, and to provide for continuing preliminary benefits until eligibility is finally determined.	Vetoed

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AB 642	Negrete-McLeod	Oppose Unless Amended to limit liability to those instances where injury or death is a result of an action by the employer (State Update: 3/23/05)	Would create a job-related presumption for workers' compensation for an injury or death as a result of a vaccination or medication given to prevent infection from a biochemical substance. Under the bill, the employer would be liable even if the vaccination is procured solely by the employee without direction of the employer.	Died in Assembly
AB 667	Jones	No Position	NOW: Was amended to require the Legislative Analyst's Office to contract with an appropriate and qualified entity to conduct an evaluation of the child support program, convene an advisory group to provide oversight of the process, and report the findings and recommendations of the evaluation to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2007.	Senate Appropriations
		Oppose (State Update: 4/21/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have changed the performance standards relating to, and State oversight of, local child support agencies and required the State to either seek the removal of the local administrator or assess a financial penalty for failure to achieve performance standards.	
		Support (State Update: 8/17/05)	NOW: The bill was recently amended to retain the SFIS photographing requirement and eliminates SFIS for Food Stamp only cases.	Vetoed
		Support and Amend to retain the SFIS photograph requirement for CalWORKs cases and General Relief cases with Food Stamps (State Update: 6/23/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Still does the same but was amended to maintain the Statewide Fingerprint Imaging System (SFIS) for CalWORKs cases and Food Stamp cases with General Assistance, eliminate SFIS for Food Stamp only cases, and eliminate the current SFIS requirement of taking photographs of CalWORKs and Food Stamp applicants as a condition of receiving benefits.	
		Support if Amended to retain fingerprint imaging for CalWORKs cases and Food Stamp cases with General Assistance (State Update: 3/28/05)	INITIALLY: Would have: 1) replaced the quarterly reporting in CalWORKs and Food Stamps with semi-annual reporting; 2) provided categorical eligibility to Food Stamp benefits for certain Medi-Cal participants; 3) simplified Food Stamp verification requirements; 4) required the State to seek a Federal waiver to exempt certain Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents from the 3 month limit to Food Stamp benefits, at the option of the County; and 5) eliminated the requirement to maintain a statewide fingerprint imaging system for use in connection with eligibility for CalWORKs, Food Stamps and General Assistance.	

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AB 717	Gordon, Horton	Support (State Update: 5/26/05)	NOW: Still does the same but was amended to address the County's concerns regarding compliance and reimbursement rates.	Died in Senate
		Support and Amend to specify that the Centinela Airport Clinic must comply with the policies and procedures of the local EMS Agency to receive basic life support patients as part of the 911 EMS system, and to increase reimbursement rates for physicians and ambulance service providers (Board Action: 5/10/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have: 1) required the Centinela Airport Clinic to receive private and government reimbursement rates equivalent to that of a contiguous emergency department of a general acute care hospital if it met certain specified requirements; 2) authorized the Centinela Airport Clinic to receive 911 telephone system transports of basic life-support patients at the rate applicable in October, 2004; and 3) required the Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency to report to the Legislature by May 1, 2008 on the effect the clinic has had on the quality of emergency health care services provided by the clinic.	Died in Senate
AB 761	Jones	Oppose (State Update: 5/24/05)	Would require acute general hospitals, psychiatric hospitals and special hospitals to consider any staffing guidelines developed by relevant professional associations in determining non-nurse staffing levels and to annually review and report worker and patient injury rates.	Died in Senate
AB 779	De La Torre	Support (State Update: 6/10/05)	Would require the California Department of Health Services to work with counties, providers and advocates to implement an automated procedure to give Medi-Cal providers access to the due dates of the annual Medi-Cal redetermination and semi-annual status report, which patients must submit to maintain Medi-Cal eligibility and a beneficiary's final month and year of Medi-Cal eligibility. Under this bill, Medi-Cal providers would have the option of notifying Medi-Cal beneficiaries of approaching due dates for these required reports using information from the automated system. The State would be required to implement the automated notification system on or before June 30, 2006, if funds are appropriated for this purpose.	Vetoed
AB 783	Jones	Support (State Update: 4/1/05)	Would require the State to pay for expenses incurred by local governments in the preparation and conduct of elections proclaimed by the Governor in 2005 to fill a vacancy in the office of Senator or Member of the Assembly, or to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senate or Representative in Congress. It also provides that where an election is consolidated with a local election, the State would only pay for those additional expenses directly related to the election proclaimed by the Governor.	Chapter 714 of 2005
AB 802	Wolk	Oppose (State Update: 4/7/06)	Would require local governments to include flood management in the conservation and safety elements of their general plans, including a 200-year flood hazard mapping instead of a 100-year flood hazard mapping.	Senate Local Government

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AB 856	Bass	Support (Board Action: 4/19/05)	Would add the Director of the Department of Conservation, or his or her designee, as a non-voting member of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) board, make changes pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, and repeal the requirement that the BHC obtain and maintain liability insurance.	Chapter 223 of 2005
AB 862	Bass	Support (State Update: 5/12/05)	Would direct the Department of Corrections to provide information on child support modification orders to every inmate who is a parent of a minor. The Department of Child Support Services would develop the information and provide it to the Department of Corrections for distribution. The information would include: 1) a Child Support Handbook; 2) a pamphlet entitled "Child Support Information for the Parent in Jail or Prison"; and 3) any other material developed by the Department of Child Support Services that will provide the necessary information regarding child support processes and procedures.	Vetoed
AB 889	Ruskin	Support (State Update: 5/2/05)	Would continue the authority of counties to collect registration fees for commercial weighing and measuring devices (scales and meters used to calculate the price of goods sold) by repealing the sunset date of January 1, 2006, and would aim to standardize the way county point-of-sale (scanner) inspection programs operate.	Chapter 529 of 2005
AB 921	Daucher	Oppose (State Update: 3/24/05)	Would: 1) allow the term of redevelopment projects to be extended for an additional 25 years without making a new finding of blight; 2) allow a redevelopment agency, during a 25-year extension, to use up to 40 percent of the property tax allocated for infrastructure improvements related to the production of market-priced or affordable housing while using a minimum of 60 percent of the funds to increase, improve, or preserve market-priced and affordable housing; and 3) limit the amount of property tax shifted to redevelopment agency receipts during a 25-year extension to 50 percent of the amount that would otherwise be allocated under current law.	Died in Assembly
AB 1056	Chu	Support (State Update: 2/27/06)	Would establish the Tolerance Education Pilot Program to promote the teaching of tolerance and inter-group relations as part of the instruction in history and social sciences in public schools. Would also require the State Department of Education (SDE) to administer the program, and allow schools to apply to SDE for funding and receive a one-time grant of \$25,000 per school.	Senate Education

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AB 1090	Matthews	No Position	NOW: Was amended to remove the authorization for jurisdictions to earn diversion credit for the use of conversion technologies.	Died in Assembly
		Support (Board Action: 3/29/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have defined conversion technologies and promoted their development by incorporating conversion technologies within the State's waste management hierarchy in proper context to its environmental benefits and impacts, and provided diversion credit to jurisdictions that utilize such facilities.	
AB 1167	Chu	Oppose (State Update: 4/29/05)	Would allow the City of El Monte and the El Monte Community Redevelopment Agency to amend the Downtown El Monte Redevelopment Project and: 1) eliminate the time limit on the establishment of indebtedness; 2) increase from \$44.4 million to \$65 million the amount of bonded indebtedness that the agency may have outstanding at any one time; 3) extend the time limit on the effectiveness of the plan for up to an additional 10 years; 4) substitute required pass-through payments to taxing agencies (including the County) with "certain tax increment amounts"; and 5) commit 30 percent of all taxes allocated pursuant to transit oriented projects to low and moderate income housing.	Died in Assembly
AB 1209	Yee	Oppose (State Update: 3/28/06)	Would repeal certain medical treatment aspects of the workers' compensation reform enacted by County-supported SB 228 (Alarcon).	Senate Labor and Industrial Relations
AB 1248	Umberg	Oppose (State Update: 4/7/05)	Would prohibit a county from imposing a booking fee on local agencies, colleges, and universities for county costs incurred in processing or booking persons arrested by those entities for a felony offense, by permitting the charging of a fee only for crimes which are not felonies. The measure also expressly prohibits the imposition of booking fees for misdemeanor offenses relating to driving under the influence, domestic violence, battery, and specified sex-related offenses.	Died in Assembly
AB 1252	Pavley	No Position	NOW: Was amended to authorize the State Department of Transportation to employ the design-build method or design-sequencing method for construction of carpool lanes on the 405 Freeway in Los Angeles.	Senate Inactive File
		Support (Board Action: 4/26/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have authorized the County to designate Mulholland Highway as an official County Scenic Highway.	

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AB 1269	Pavley	Support and Amend to specify a local appropriation based on population and location and include beach facilities and improvements in the eligible uses for grant assistance (State Update: 6/10/05)	Would enact the Clean Air, Clean Water, Coastal Protection, and Parks Act of 2007, which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize an unspecified amount in State General Obligation Bonds for resource protection, acquisition, restoration and development. The bill has four major funding categories (Clean Air, Clean Water, Coastal Protection, Parks and Wildlife Protection), all of which the County would be eligible to compete for funding. The bill currently does not specify an amount of bond funding or identify a future statewide ballot for the proposal to be submitted to the voters. The bill provides that up to 10 percent of the program funds would be made available to finance monitoring, research, or planning necessary for successful project implementation.	Died in Assembly
AB 1285	Montanez	County-sponsored	Would expand eligibility for participation in the Investing in Early Educators stipend program to include persons working in licensed family child care homes and child care centers that do not hold California Department of Education contracts.	Chapter 650 of 2005
AB 1330	Karnette	Oppose (State Update: 3/24/05)	Would: 1) establish the Harbor District Development Authority in the City of Los Angeles, and authorize the Los Angeles City Council, by resolution, to designate the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners as the redevelopment agency for the Los Angeles Harbor District (LAHD); 2) create a new definition of blight that fits the circumstances of the LAHD; 3) exempt the LAHD from certain environmental impact report requirements; 4) shorten plan adoption reporting requirements; and 5) eliminate the prohibition on redevelopment agency use of property tax increment for operations and maintenance expenses (current law restricts the use of agency funds to capital expenses).	Died in Assembly
AB 1331	Umborg	Oppose (State Update: 3/23/05)	Would exempt most safety member employees from workers' compensation reforms established by SB 899 of 2004 relating to apportionment of permanent disability and to certain presumptions.	Died in Assembly

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AB 1333	Frommer	Support (State Update: 6/3/05)	Would: 1) make it a crime for a grease hauler to discard grease materials at any place other than an authorized facility; 2) prohibit a grease hauler from reinserting grease materials into any facility from which the hauler has just removed the material; 3) subject violators to a misdemeanor, punishable by six months in jail or a maximum \$10,000 fine, or both, and allows the court to bar repeat violators from engaging in the grease hauling business for up to five years; and 4) earmark 50 percent of penalty revenue to the Environmental and Training Account, 25 percent to the customary penalty distribution process, and 25 percent to the local health officer or other local official who investigated the matter bringing the action.	Senate Floor
AB 1368	Umbreg	Oppose (State Update: 6/29/05)	Would exempt public safety employees from certain elements of the workers' compensation reform enacted by SB 899 of 2004 relating to apportionment of permanent disability and to certain presumptions.	Senate Labor and Industrial Relations
AB 1380	Gordon	Support (Board Action: 4/12/05)	Would require: 1) the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to request the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to delegate authority to the CPUC to implement inventory management guidelines to ensure carrier compliance with 6-month inventory rules and timing for donations and returns to the telecommunications numbering pool; 2) the CPUC to develop rules that ensure compliance with FCC numbering resource optimization orders; and 3) these rules to be implemented immediately upon the delegation of authority by the FCC, and specify that other requirements would be placed upon telephone corporations regarding the inventory of numbering resources applicable if the CPUC fails to develop and implement rules by July 31, 2006.	Vetoed
AB 1459	Canciamilla	Support (State Update: 8/25/05)	Would increase the small claims court jurisdiction over actions brought by an individual, if the amount does not exceed \$7,500, with specified exceptions and provides that small claims court advisory services must cover specific topics relating to small claims court rules, filings, procedures related to conduct of the hearing, and information on the collection of small claims court judgments. In addition, on and after July 1, 2006, this bill would require temporary judges to complete ethics and substantive law courses covering State, Federal, and local laws.	Chapter 618 of 2005
AB 1491	Calderon	Oppose (Board Action: 3/8/05)	Would reduce the Housing Authority's responsibility for the allocation of Industry Housing Fund Program funds by authorizing the City of Industry to transfer up to 50 percent of the low-and moderate-income housing funds currently administered by the Housing Authority to another eligible public entity located outside the City.	Died in Assembly

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AB 1511	Evans	Support (State Update: 7/7/05)	NOW: Still does the same thing but was amended to: 1) include Los Angeles County as an entity eligible to use the design-build contract method; 2) double-join AB 1511 to SB 287 (Cox); and 3) make other changes related to design build.  PREVIOUSLY: Would have extended the sunset date in the design-build statute from January 1, 2006 to January 1, 2011, add 19 counties to the list of counties eligible to use the design-build contracting method, and make other changes related to the use of the design-build contract method.	Chapter 350 of 2005
		Support if Amended to include Los Angeles County (Board Action: 7/5/05)		
AB 1565	Pavley	Support (State Update: 6/7/05)	Would require the California Department of Education (CDE) to select an independent contractor by May 31, 2006 to study the development, implementation and evaluation of a statewide quality rating system for child day care centers and family day care homes. The contractor must conduct the study in consultation with an advisory group selected by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and submit a final report on the study findings to the Legislature no later than one year after the contract is awarded. The bill appropriates \$1.5 million to execute the study and produce the report, and \$345,000 to CDE to hire a consultant to develop a request for proposal to select the independent contractor, staff the advisory panel, and to oversee and monitor the contract.	Vetoed
AB 1605	Wolk, Berg	Support (State Update: 4/14/05)	Would add officers and employees of financial institutions, including banks, credit unions, and savings and loans, to those designated as mandated reporters of financial abuse perpetrated against elder and dependent adults.	Died in Assembly
AB 1634	McCarthy	Support (State Update: 3/22/06)	Would appropriate funds for State and local costs incurred for the special statewide election held in November 2005. The bill would provide \$9 million for State costs and \$27.8 million for counties. Urgency measure.	Senate Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments

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AB 1664	De Le Torre	Support (State Update: 7/12/05)	NOW: Was amended to establish the New Californians Act to assist eligible immigrants through the naturalization process and require the California Department of Community Services and Development to: 1) develop a comprehensive, coordinated, accessible and accountable naturalization and civic participation program; 2) create a method for allocating funds for services; and 3) establish an advisory committee to monitor the effectiveness of the New Californians Act.	Senate Banking, Finance and Insurance
Gordon		Oppose (State Update: 6/1/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have permitted voluntary disclosure of elder or dependent adult financial abuse by financial institutions, and required certain financial institutions to provide training to their employees regarding such abuse. It would also have granted broad civil and criminal immunity to financial institutions and their officers, employees, and agents related to any financial abuse that is disclosed.	Chapter 134 of 2005
AB 1769	Negrete-McLeod	County-sponsored	Would provide an exemption for the Los Angeles County Fire Chief from the mandatory retirement provisions under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937, only if the person was employed as fire chief prior to May 1, 2005 and the person retires before April 1, 2009. The bill extends this exemption only through April 1, 2009. Urgency measure.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 1785	Bermudez	Support (State Update: 2/24/06)	Would increase the amount required to be budgeted for allocation to grade separation projects from \$15 million to \$70 million annually.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 1799	Umberg	Support (State Update: 2/24/06)	Would require the State to pay for expenses incurred on or after January 1, 2006, for elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of State Senator or member of the Assembly or to fill a vacancy in the office of the United States Senate or Representative in Congress. Where an election proclaimed by the Governor is consolidated with a local election, the State would pay only those additional expenses directly related to the election proclaimed by the Governor. Urgency measure.	Assembly Appropriations File
AB 1831	Jones	Support (State Update: 3/17/06)	Would enact the California Critical Infrastructure Facilities Bond Act of 2006 and 2010 that would, if adopted by the voters, authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance the acquisition, construction, or renovation of State trial court facilities, State park system capital assets, mental health facilities, and other State facilities. \$1.227 billion in general obligation bonds would be authorized for 2006, of which \$800 million would be designated for the acquisition, design, construction, or renovation of trial court facilities. The 2010 Act would authorize issuance of \$1 billion of general obligation bonds for trial court facilities acquisition, design, construction, or renovation.	Assembly Desk

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AB 1873	Torrico	Support if Amended to maintain the current scope of the Safe Surrender program to infants up to 72 hours of age and allow local Board of Supervisors to designate Safe Surrender sites (Board Action: 1/31/06)	Would: 1) expand the definition of a Safe Surrender sit to include a local fire agency upon the approval of the appropriate governing body; 2) raise the age at which an infant can be surrendered from 72 hours old or younger to up to 30 days; 3) specify that a Safe Surrender site or personnel at the Safe Surrender site shall have no liability for a surrendered child; 4) appropriate \$5 million to the California Department of Social Services to conduct a statewide awareness campaign publicizing the existence of Safe Surrender sites; and 5) require the State to establish and operate a toll-free telephone number to provide information and assistance to the public regarding Safe Surrender sites.	Assembly Human Services
AB 1903	Benoit	Support (State Update: 3/17/06)	Would add hospitals to the list of interested parties authorized to receive copies of accident reports.	Assembly Transportation
AB 1979	Bass	Support (Board Action: 3/21/06)	Would waive fees for conducting criminal background checks charged to any nonprofit agency approved by the State, or a county or city that provides mentoring services for children in foster care.	Assembly Human Services
AB 1982	Bass	Support (State Update: 3/30/06)	Would extend eligibility for the Kinship Guardian Assistance Payment (Kin-Gap) Program to wards of the juvenile delinquency court, in addition to currently eligible dependent children of the juvenile court.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 2157	Chu	Oppose (State Update: 3/7/06)	Would allow the City of El Monte and the El Monte Community Redevelopment Agency to amend the Downtown El Monte Redevelopment Project and: 1) eliminate the time limit on the establishment of indebtedness; 2) increase from \$44.4 million to \$65 million the amount of bonded indebtedness that the agency may have outstanding at any one time; 3) increase to \$150 million the amount of tax increment revenues that may be allocated to the El Monte Community Redevelopment Agency; 4) define a geographic specific area in El Monte as a "transit oriented redevelopment project"; 5) allow redevelopment funds to be used for public infrastructure improvements including, among other things, relocation of a fire station, acquisition of public park lands, and construction of parking structures for park visitors and mass transit commuters; and 6) modify required pass-through payments to taxing agencies (except the County).	Assembly Housing and Community Development
AB 2161	Hancock	Support (State Update: 3/30/06)	Would establish the Unified Resource Families Assessment Pilot Project in five volunteer counties selected by the California Department of Social Services. The pilot would merge multiple, duplicative processes for licensing and approving relatives, foster families and adoptive parents who care for abused and neglected children.	Assembly Appropriations

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AB 2193	Bass, Cohn	Support (State Update: 3/30/06)	Would establish a new child welfare budget methodology to implement the caseload relief recommendation of the SB 2030 Child Welfare Workload Study. SB 2030, which was enacted in 1998, directed the California Department of Social Services to commission a study of workload standards in child welfare. The study recommended both minimal and optimal caseload budgeting standards for child welfare services.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 2240	Committee on Public Employees, Retirement & Social Security	Support (State Update: 2/27/06)	Would permit noncontributory retirement plan employees in 1937 Retirement Act counties to purchase up to five years of service credit upon payment of additional contributions prior to retirement either by lump sum or by installment payments over a period of up to ten years. This bill is a local option measure.	Senate Desk
AB 2346	Oropeza	Oppose (State Update: 3/7/06)	Would: 1) establish the Harbor District Development Authority in the City of Los Angeles, and authorize the Los Angeles City Council, by resolution, to designate the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners as the redevelopment agency for the Los Angeles Harbor District (LAHD); and 2) eliminate the prohibition on redevelopment agency use of property tax increment for operations and maintenance expenses (current law restricts the use of agency funds to capital expenses).	Assembly Local Government
AB 2836	Karnette	Support (State Update: 3/28/06)	Would require residential care facilities for the elderly, licensed as of January 1, 2010, and with six or fewer clients or residents, to have an automatic fire sprinkler system by January 1, 2014. Facilities licensed on or after January 1, 2010 would be required to have an automatic fire sprinkler system on the date of licensure. The bill would limit the fee imposed by the local fire marshal for plan review or installation inspections of a fire sprinkler system to \$200. If the installation of a fire sprinkler system is the sole renovation, it would also limit the fee imposed for a local building inspection to \$200. The State Fire Marshal would be required to adopt regulations to implement these provisions by January 1, 2008.	Assembly Governmental Organization
AB 2870	De La Torre	County-sponsored	Would allow testing of inmates for communicable diseases in addition to HIV and AIDS when a law enforcement employee, including prosecutors, public defenders, and staff, are exposed to such communicable diseases through contact with an inmate in locations including a courtroom.	Assembly Public Safety

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AB 2951	Goldberg	Oppose Unless Amended to explicitly provide that it has no retroactive effect, as well as to keep intact the existing "non-discriminatory requirement with respect to capital facility fees (State Update: 3/22/06)	Would change the way public utilities charge public agencies for capital costs. Under current law, certain fees charged to public agencies, such as the County, by public utilities, such as the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), must be "nondiscriminatory". This means that LADWP is only allowed to charge the County its pro-rata share of LADWP capital costs based on the County's power usage. This bill effectively seeks to eliminate the "nondiscriminatory" rate requirement in existing law and thus relieve LADWP of its current legal duty to charge the County only its pro-rata share of LADWP capital costs.	Assembly Local Government
AB 2961	Nunez	County-sponsored	Would enhance CalWORKs benefits for homeless CalWORKs families and assistance for CalWORKs families at imminent risk of homelessness by providing limited, short-term housing assistance as work support to participants engaged in Welfare-to-Work activities. The work support would be available for a period of 12 months when a county determines that housing instability threatens a CalWORKs participant's ability to secure or retain a job. The work support would be based on the size of the family and paid directly to the participant's landlord, property manager, or other appropriate entity. CalWORKs participants who are sanctioned for non-compliance with Welfare-to-Work requirements would not be eligible for work support.	Assembly Appropriations
ACA 17	Mullin	Support (State Update: 4/29/05)	Would amend the California Constitution to authorize 17-year old citizens, who will be at least 18 years old by the next general election, to register and vote at that general election and at any intervening primary or special elections that occur after the person is eligible to register to vote.	Assembly Floor
AJR 22	Bass	County-sponsored	Would urge Congress and the President to take immediate action to eliminate restrictions on child death review teams to access school records of deceased children.	Resolution Chapter 101 of 2005
SB 34	Florez	No Position	NOW: Was amended to address the probation requirements of sex offenders and make other changes related to sex offender registration.	Died in Senate

PREVIOUSLY: Would have required that the majority of the membership of the county First 5 commissions consist of persons who do not represent a county.

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SB 35	Florez	Support (State Update: 9/8/05)	NOW: Was recently amended to strengthen fiscal oversight by the State and maintain local control over First 5 commissions.	Chapter 243 of 2005
		Support if Amended to require stronger fiscal oversight by the State without affecting local control (Board Action: 3/1/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have required: 1) county First 5 commissions to send its annual audit and report to the State First 5 Commission; 2) the State Commission report to include a listing, by category, of the aggregate expenditures on program areas funded by the State and county commissions; and 3) the Controller to issue guidelines for expanded annual audits of each county commission. The State Commission was allowed to withhold the county commission's share of tobacco tax revenues for failure to submit the data. This measure was double-joined to AB 109 (Chan), a related bill.	Vetoed
SB 57	Alarcon	Support (State Update: 4/18/05)	Would augment the Emergency Medical Services Fund by allowing county board of supervisors, by resolution, to levy an additional \$2 penalty assessment on every \$10 penalty for all criminal offenses and moving violations. Also requires 15 percent of the funds collected to be used to fund all public and private pediatric trauma centers throughout the county, and requires counties that do not maintain a pediatric trauma center to use these funds to improve access to pediatric trauma and emergency services in the county.	Chapter 492 of 2005
SB 112	Ortiz	No Position	NOW: Was recently amended to maintain the State's current formula which allocates RESS funds based on the number of aided refugees who live in each county, but modifies the formula to give more weight to those counties with more aided refugees in the U.S. less than 2 years.	
		Oppose (State Update: 4/8/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have changed the formula used to calculate each county's share of total State Refugee Employment Social Services (RESS) and Refugee Targeted Assistance Program (RTAP) funds. The bill would have required 50 percent of the RESS funds to be allocated on the proportion of refugees receiving public assistance, and the remaining 50 percent based on the most recent 60-month refugee arrival data. Would also have allocated RTAP funds based on the arrival data during the most recent 60-month period using Federal methodology. These changes would have resulted in the County receiving \$700,000 less funds for the Refugee Employment Program.	
SB 116	Dutton	Support (Board Action: 2/1/05) and County-sponsored	Would eliminate the Safe Surrender Law sunset provision in order to provide for the safe surrender of infants as a permanent alternative to abandonment.	Chapter 625 of 2005

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SB 148	Scott	Support (Board Action: 5/24/05)	Would authorize any county or city to apply new zoning regulations to pre-existing businesses which sell alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption, such as liquor stores, allow affected businesses up to six months to comply, and authorize local agencies to allow longer time periods.	Assembly Governmental Organization
SB 153	Chesbro	Support and Amend to include beaches in the definition of parks (State Update: 4/12/05)	Would enact the California Clean Water, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2006, which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize the issuance of \$3.945 billion in State General Obligation bonds for acquisition, development, restoration and preservation projects.	Assembly Appropriations
SB 258	Chesbro	Support (Board Action: 5/10/05)	Would require the California Department of Mental Health to establish a working group to develop recommendations on improving the quality of care in residential care facilities serving adults with mental illness.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
SB 266	Romero	Support (State Update: 6/14/05)	Would require the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) to establish a trauma care advisory committee to develop a statewide trauma care plan for presentation to the EMSA and the Legislature by January 1, 2007, to address all aspects of a trauma care system, including a seamless statewide transportation system, and all possible funding sources.	Vetoed
SB 267	Romero	Support (State Update: 4/18/05)	Would repeal all minimum distribution requirements, require local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies to utilize a competitive grant-based system for allocating the funds, and require local EMS agencies to determine distribution of funds based on new criteria.	Assembly Appropriations
SB 287	Cox	Support (State Update: 7/7/05)	NOW: Still does the same thing but was amended to: 1) include Los Angeles County as an entity eligible to use the design-build contract method; 2) double-join SB 287 to AB 1511 (Evans); and 3) make other changes related to the use of the design-build.	Chapter 376 of 2005
		Support if Amended to include Los Angeles County (Board Action: 7/5/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have extended the sunset date in the design-build statute from January 1, 2006 to January 1, 2011, add 20 counties to the list of counties eligible to use the design-build contracting method, and make other changes related to the use of the design-build contract method.	Assembly Inactive File
SB 308	Simitian	Support (State Update: 6/28/05)	Would allow counties the option, upon adoption of a resolution by a county board of supervisors, to increase recording fees on real estate documents up to \$2 to fund programs to deter, investigate, and prosecute civil proceedings involving the financial abuse of elder and dependent adults through fraudulent real estate transactions.	Assembly Inactive File

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SB 324 McClintock	Support (State Update: 3/15/05)	Would define a transportation gridlock emergency as a condition that requires extraordinary State action, and authorizes the Governor to declare a state of emergency when any highway has an average daily vehicle delay that exceeds 3,000 vehicle hours per day.		Died in Senate
SB 395 Escutia	Support if Amended to define 'court purposes' to include all county-court-related functions that are necessary for the efficient operation of the Superior Court (State Update: 4/29/05)	Would enact the California Court Facilities Bond Act of 2006 to fund the acquisition, construction, and renovation of trial court facilities, and place the bond act, for an as yet unspecified amount, on the ballot for the next Statewide election. This bill would provide funding needed because of the depletion of the Courthouse Construction Fund to build new court facilities or renovate existing court facilities that have been transferred to the State and allows the Judicial Council to require counties to pay for their share of bond principal, interest, and expenses for new construction or renovation.	Assembly Appropriations	Vetoed
SB 399 Escutia	Support (State Update: 5/24/05)	Would allow a county to assert a lien against a recovery that injured Medi-Cal eligible patients receive from a third party. It would allow a lien for past medical expenses against a settlement or compromise, in addition to a judgment and establish a new court procedure for resolving disputes that may arise between the provider and the patient relating to the amount that would be reimbursed to the provider.		Died in Senate
SB 411 Alarcon	Oppose (State Update: 1/17/06)	Would eliminate the use of diversion credit for green waste as an alternative daily cover, which would jeopardize local jurisdictions' achievement of the State's 50 percent waste reduction mandate and increase costs for local jurisdictions and residents for the collection and processing of green waste materials.		Died in Senate
SB 466 Kuehl	Support (State Update: 1/26/06)	NOW: Was amended to authorize a pilot project within the City of Beverly Hills to use a mobile photo radar enforcement system within residential districts and school zones.		Died in Senate
	Support (State Update: 4/14/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Still would have done the same thing but was amended to include school zones as requested by the County.		
	Support and Amend to include school zones (State Update: 3/8/05)	INITIALLY: Would have allowed a local agency to use a mobile photo radar system to enforce speed limits on streets within residential districts, subject to certain requirements.		Died in Senate
SB 516 Ortiz	Support (State Update: 4/5/05)	Would require residential care facilities for the elderly with six or fewer clients or residents, licensed as of January 1, 2007, to have an automatic fire sprinkler system by January 1, 2013. Facilities licensed on or after January 1, 2009 would be required to have an automatic fire sprinkler system on the date of licensure.		Died in Senate

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SB 521	Torlakson	No Position	NOW: Was recently amended to address recording fees in Contra Costa County.	Assembly Housing and Community Development
		Oppose (State Update: 3/24/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have changed redevelopment law relating to transit villages by: 1) allowing local governments to extend the boundaries of a transit village development plan; 2) amending current redevelopment law to include the lack of high density development within a transit village development district as an economic condition that causes blight; and 3) requiring the agency to submit the proposed transit village redevelopment plan to the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank which would make a finding on whether the proposed project is consistent with the requirements of redevelopment law.	
SB 539	Ashburn	Oppose (State Update: 6/23/05)	Would delay the start of payment for child care services to license-exempt providers until the provider is registered through the California Department of Social Services' Trustline program.	Assembly Human Services
SB 578	Escutia	Support (Board Action: 5/24/05)	Would require a railroad corporation to promptly notify the Office of Emergency Services, the California Highway Patrol, and designated county public safety agencies in an endangered area, of certain information relative to hazardous materials, and in certain events, of train and track locations, whether or not an accident or spill occurs. It also requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to investigate any incident that results in a notification pursuant to this requirement, and to include this information in its annual report to the Legislature.	Chapter 684 of 2005
SB 640	Escutia	Support (State Update: 5/10/05)	Would appropriate \$5 million in one-time only Federal quality carryover child development funds to continue local programs of training and technical assistance to child care providers to increase their capacity to care for children with disabilities, and specifies the eligible uses of the funds received by child care resource and referral agencies.	Chapter 379 of 2005
SB 656	Romero	County-sponsored	Would allow a county board of supervisors to place on the ballot a local tax of up to 5 percent on the sale of alcoholic beverages.	Died in Senate
SB 658	Kuehl	Support and Amend to clarify the proposed allocation of funds, project consultation provisions, and the audit responsibility (Board Action: 7/19/05)	Would establish the Coastal Environmental Motor Vehicle Program and authorize the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) to collect a fee of up to \$6 upon the registration or renewal of every motor vehicle registered in one of the twenty counties that elect to participate in the program, with funds to be spent on projects and grants that prevent, reduce, remediate, or mitigate the adverse environmental effects of motor vehicles and their associated facilities and infrastructure.	Vetoed

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SB 699	Soto	County-sponsored	Would change California's HIV reporting system from code-based to names-based.	Governor's Desk
SB 739	Speier	Support (Board Action: 9/20/05)	Would require hospitals to participate in hospital-acquired infection reporting systems. Hospitals would be required to adopt, implement, and annually evaluate a written infection control program for the surveillance, prevention and control of hospital-acquired infections.	Assembly Inactive File
SB 803	Ducheny	Support (State Update: 8/25/05)	Would reauthorize and revise Proposition 36, the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000, and would appropriate \$120 million annually to fund the Act through FY 2010-11. This bill would make changes to Proposition 36 to strengthen the program through close monitoring of defendants under a collaborative model involving treatment providers, the court, probation and parole; extended treatment services beyond the current 12-month limit when warranted; frequent drug testing; and use of short-term jail sanctions as a tool to enhance treatment compliance.	Assembly Public Safety
SB 840	Kuehl	Support (Board Action: 8/16/05)	Would provide health insurance coverage to all California residents through a single payer insurance program operated by the State.	Assembly Desk
SB 861	Speier	Support (Board Action: 8/9/05)	Would amend State law to allow cities and counties to regulate specific breeds of dogs through mandatory spay/neuter programs and other breeding requirements.	Chapter 668 of 2005
SB 869	Bowen	Support (State Update: 6/17/05)	Would establish the Nurse-Family Partnership Program and require the California Department of Health Services to make grants available to counties for the provision of voluntary visiting nurse services to first-time pregnant, low-income mothers, their children and their families. It would require that the program would be implemented only to the extent that funds for this purpose are appropriated by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act or other statute that would authorize the Department to allocate any funds received for the program to program grantees.	Vetoed

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SB 926	Florez	Position under review	NOW: Would require the completion and certification of an environmental impact report (EIR) on a proposed solid waste facility that informs the voters of the project's scope and impact on the environment before a local initiative that proposes to amend a city or county's general plan or zoning ordinance to allow the siting of a solid waste facility may be placed on the ballot. The county, in which the solid waste facility is proposed to be sited, is the lead agency, and would be required to make the EIR publicly available at the county's headquarters and on the Internet.	Assembly Desk
		Oppose (State Update: 4/4/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have permitted the Kern County Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance to regulate or prohibit the land application of sewage sludge in the unincorporated areas of Kern County, and would have required the prohibition, if enacted, to exempt land application permitted by a State or local entity before the effective date of the prohibition. The exemption would not have applied to any renewal of a pre-existing permit that regulated the land application of bio-solids when the renewal occurred after the effective date of the prohibition.	Died in Senate
SB 945	Soto	County-sponsored	Would change California's HIV reporting system from code-based to names-based.	Died in Senate
SB 969	Ducheny, Morrow	Oppose (State Update: 4/18/05)	Would exempt a driver who is 18 years of age or older from the requirement to wear a safety helmet when riding on a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle or motorized bike, if the driver has completed a motorcycle rider training program or has held a class M1 license for two years or more and has proof of current medical insurance. Would also exempt a passenger who is 18 years of age or older from the requirement to wear a helmet if the passenger has proof of current medical insurance.	Died in Senate
SB 1018	Simitian	Support (State Update: 4/14/05)	Would add officers and employees of financial institutions, including banks, credit unions, and savings and loans, to those designated as mandated reporters of financial abuse perpetrated against elder and dependent adults. The bill would also: 1) establish civil penalties from \$1,000 up to \$5,000 if the failure to report resulted in a death or great bodily injury; 2) require the penalty to be payable by the financial institution to the elder or dependent adult; and 3) create a liability-free period for newly-hired tellers for failing to report suspected elder abuse during the first six months of the teller's employment.	Chapter 140 of 2005

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SB 1086	Migden	No Position	NOW: Was recently amended to delete language which would prevent the City of Long Beach from sequestering tidelands revenue for oil extraction mitigation and now extends for five years the sunset provision for the Resources Trust Fund.	Vetoed
		Oppose (Board Action: 6/21/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have prohibited the City of Long Beach from setting aside oil revenues produced in the State Tidelands for future use in cleanup of oil fields and would have required the City to return revenues in the abandonment reserve fund to the State.	
SB 1100	Perata, Ducheny	Support (State Update: 9/7/05)	Would implement the Medicaid (Medi-Cal) hospital financing waiver recently agreed to by California and the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).	Chapter 560 of 2005
SB 1163	Ackerman	Support and Amend to permit courthouse facilities to be constructed via public/private partnerships and authorize a pilot program in LA County (Support: State Update: 3/14/06)	Would enact the California Critical Infrastructure Facilities Bond Acts of 2006 and 2010 that would, if adopted by the voters, authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance the acquisition, construction, or renovation of State trial court facilities, State park system capital assets, mental health facilities, and other State facilities. \$1.227 billion in general obligation bonds would be authorized for 2006, of which \$800 million would be designated for the acquisition, design, construction, or renovation of trial court facilities. The 2010 Act would authorize issuance of \$1 billion of general obligation bonds for trial court facilities acquisition, design, construction, or renovation.	Senate Judiciary
SB 1206	Kehoe	Oppose Unless Amended to eliminate vague and ambiguous provisions that potentially weaken current redevelopment law (State Update: 2/27/06)	Would reform key elements of California redevelopment law by: 1) making numerous changes to the definition of blight; 2) limiting the inclusion of unblighted parcels from redevelopment projects by requiring "other substantial justification"; 3) increasing oversight of redevelopment agencies by extending the timeframe for filing lawsuits regarding redevelopment decisions from 60 to 90 days; 4) requiring the Attorney General to review the validity of such lawsuits and making the State an interest party; 5) changing the way redevelopment agencies can merge projects and incur debt; and 6) prohibiting redevelopment agencies from buying land for a city hall or county administration building.	Senate Appropriations
SB 1300	Kuehl	Support (State Update: 3/17/06)	Would authorize the City of Beverly Hills to establish a pilot project utilizing a mobile photo radar speed enforcement system in a residential district or a school zone, and require the City to submit a report prepared by an independent qualified contractor to the Legislature by July 1, 2006, on the efficacy of the mobile photo radar speed enforcement system in reducing speeding an improving traffic safety in residential districts and school zones.	Senate Transportation and Housing

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SB 1323	Cedillo	Support (State Update: 3/17/06)	Would express legislative intent to appropriate \$2.5 million to the California Department of Mental Health to establish a five year co-existing Mental Disorders Treatment Pilot Program in Los Angeles County for felony offenders who have serious mental health and substance abuse problems.	Senate Health
SB 1375	Lowenthal	Support (State Update: 3/14/06)	Would require the State to become a party to any public-private partnership agreement to replace deficient court facilities when that agreement involves a lease. The Judicial Council would have to determine that an affected court facility is deficient, and that construction of a replacement facility is the most suitable way to correct the deficiencies.	Senate Judiciary
SB 1421	Margott	Support (Board Action: 3/21/06)	Would require the California Department of Education (CDE) to consult with the County Department of Public Social Services, the Los Angeles County District Attorney, and the Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles to develop a plan to establish a pilot project to identify, investigate, and seek prosecution of suspected cases of fraud in the Stage 2 and Stage 3 CalWORKs Child Care programs.	Senate Education
SB 1520	Ducheny	Support (State Update: 3/28/06)	Would make technical changes to County-supported SB 1100 (Perata) which implemented the Medi-Cal Hospital Financing Waiver. Specifically, would clarify that the five University of California academic medical centers and Los Angeles County's five public hospitals are treated as a system rather than on a facility specific basis for the purposes of allocating Medicaid dollars under the Waiver, to the extent that payments do not exceed the sum of individual hospital payments.	Senate Appropriations
SB 1596	Runner	Support (State Update: 3/17/06)	Would establish the Nurse-Family Partnership Program and require the California Department of Health Services to make grants available to counties for the provision of voluntary visiting nurse services to first-time pregnant, low-income mothers, their children and their families. The program would be implemented only to the extent that funds for this purpose are appropriated by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act or other statute.	Senate Appropriations
SB 1773	Alarcon	Support (State Update: 3/22/06)	Would augment the Emergency Medical Services Fund by authorizing counties to collect an additional \$2 penalty assessment on every \$10 penalty for all criminal offenses and moving violations. It would allow county boards of supervisors, by resolution, to levy the additional \$2 penalty assessment for specified crimes and moving violations, including speeding, seat belt infractions, domestic violence, and DUI's, but only if the increased penalties do not offset or reduce the funding of other programs.	Senate Health

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SB 1815	Romero	Oppose (State Update: 3/28/06)	Would, among other provisions, exempt peace officers from certain elements of the workers' compensation reform enacted by County-supported SB 899 (Poochigian) in 2004.	Senate Labor and Industrial Relations
SJR 13	Escutia	Support (Board Action: 5/24/05)	Would urge the President and Congress of the United States to amend the Federal Railroad Safety Act to increase authority of state and local governments to enact railroad safety regulations providing greater protection for their residents from railroad derailments, hazardous materials spills, and highway-rail crossing accidents, as long as state enactments, rules, or regulations do not conflict with Federal law and do not impose an unreasonable burden on interstate commerce.	Assembly Transportation Committee